



**CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL**

Meeting Date:

District B

Item Creation Date: 8/7/2025

HAS – Additional Appropriation to the Professional Services Contract with Fentress Architects, Ltd. for A/E Design Services for the Mickey Leland International Terminal (MLIT) Project at IAH; Project No. 826

Agenda Item#:

**Background:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt an ordinance appropriating \$1,500,000.00 out of the Airports Improvement Fund (8011) for the Professional Services Contract with Fentress Architects, Ltd. for the Mickey Leland International Terminal (MLIT) Project at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (IAH) (Project No. 826).

**SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:**

On November 30, 2016, City Council adopted Ordinance 2016-919, approving and authorizing a Professional Services Contract with Fentress Architects, Ltd. for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the Mickey Leland International Terminal (MLIT) Project and appropriating \$54,177,500.00. On October 31, 2018, City Council adopted Ordinance 2018-877, authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for the revised approach reallocating the existing design services to provide Program Validation and an overall Concept Design for both the MLIT and Federal Inspection Service (FIS) facilities, including a new International Central Processor (ICP). On September 9, 2020, City Council adopted Ordinance 2020-765, appropriating \$19,861,600.00. On December 8, 2021, City Council adopted Ordinance 2021-1045, appropriating \$5,852,500.00. On September 28, 2022, City Council adopted Ordinance 2022-747, appropriating \$1,501,674.00. On June 22, 2023, City Council adopted Ordinance 2023-504, appropriating \$10,750,000.00. On April 16, 2024, City Council adopted Ordinance 2024-251, appropriating \$2,000,000.00.

This project is for the replacement of the Old Terminal C North (OCN) Pier and refurbishment of the Terminal D and C-D Connector facilities. The upgraded MLIT is designed to accommodate a total of 13 wide-body gates, including 2 gates for A380 aircraft, and a new modern concessions space within the C-Knuckle. The existing Terminal D ticketing and curb facilities will be closed once the Terminal D carriers have relocated to the new ICP. The Contractor, Fentress, also provides Design and Construction Administration for the new Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS)/Checked Baggage Resolution Area (CBRA).

The appropriation of \$1,500,000.00 now requested will facilitate design and construction administration services to accommodate:

- Checked Baggage Inspection System/Checked Bag Resolution Area (CBIS/CBRA) improvements: Sitework preparations, fire main installation, electrical infrastructure, Automated People Mover (APM) power refeed, and new sanitary lift station and sanitary sewer line; the completion of the CBIS Project by Spring 2026;
- The completion of the MLIT project by Fall 2025: Design support and reinspection services to complete the work.

An equal amount will remain unspent under previously appropriated funds for the Professional Services Contract with Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK) for the FIS Renovation and Expansion Project at IAH. This will result in a net neutral impact to the overall ITRP budget.

**Project Costs:**

Appropriations to this contract, including the requested additional appropriation, are as follows:

Item	Previous Appropriations	Committed to Date	Remaining Uncommitted	This Appropriation
A/E Design Services	\$93,051,674.00	\$92,967,644.60	\$84,029.40	\$1,500,000.00
Civic Art	\$1,091,600.00	\$1,091,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$94,143,274.00</b>	<b>\$94,059,244.60</b>	<b>\$84,029.40</b>	<b>\$1,500,000.00</b>

The MLIT costs for the agreement are included in the overall ITRP budget.

**MWBE Participation:**

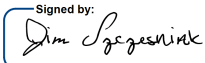
The MWBE goal approved for this professional services contract is 30%, and the current participation is 28.37%. The additional appropriation will fund outstanding scopes to be completed by subconsultants including MWBE firms. Per Fentress’s updated forecast for MWBE participation, all MWBE scopes have been increased to meet or exceed the approved 30% goal by the end of the contract. The Office of Business Opportunity will continue to monitor this contract for compliance with the MWSBE Program.

**CIP Fiscal Note:**

No significant Fiscal Operating impact is anticipated as a result of this project.

**Director's Signature:**



Signed by:  
  
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**Prior Council Action:**

11/30/2016 (O) 2016-919  
10/31/2018 (O) 2018-877  
09/09/2020 (O) 2020-765  
12/08/2021 (O) 2021-1045  
09/28/2022 (O) 2022-747  
06/22/2023 (O) 2023-504  
04/16/2024 (O) 2024-251

**Amount and Source of Funding:**

\$1,500,000.00  
Airports Improvement Fund  
Fund 8011

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